

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: November 2, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2093 (Mr. William L. Jenkins of Tennessee)

Proponent name, location: Eastman Chemical Co., Kingsport, TN

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

2-Methylhydroquinone (CAS No. 95-71-6) (provided for in subheading 2907.29.90)

Check one: ☒ Same as that in bill as introduced.
 ☐ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The product, imported from China, is used as an antioxidant and polymerization inhibitor in plastic resins.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

| HTS subheading: <u>2907.29.90</u> | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$1,100,000 | \$1,100,000 | \$1,100,000 | \$1,100,000 | \$1,100,000 |
| Customs revenue loss | \$60,500 | \$60,500 | \$60,500 | \$60,500 | \$60,500 |

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

| Name of firm/organization | Date contacted | US production of same or competitive product claimed? | Submission attached? | Opposition noted? |
|---|----------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | (Yes/No) | | |
| Eastman Chemical Co. (Proponent) Jorge San Pedro 703-524-7653 | 8/23/2005 | No | No | No |
| Goodyear Tire and Rubber Walt Gawron Tel: 330-796-8271 | 9/07/2005 | No | No | No |
| Tyco Healthcare/Mallinckrodt Michelle Miller, 508-261-8000 Ext: 6650 | 9/07/2005 | No | No | No |
| Dupont Corp. Ron Olden, 202-728-3600 | 9/07/2005 | No | No | No |
| Rhodia Corp. Rick Valentine, 202-661-3802 | 9/06/2005 | No | No | No |

Technical comments:³ None.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2093

To suspend temporarily the duty on 2-Methylhydroquinone.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2005

Mr. JENKINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 2-Methylhydroquinone.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. 2-METHYLHYDROQUINONE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|---|------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|----|
| “ | 9902.06.23 | 2-Methylhydroquinone (CAS No. 95–71–6) (provided for in subheading 2907.29.90) .. | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2008 | ”. |
|---|------------|---|------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|----|

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

